

CABOT, ARKANSAS Mayor Ken Kincade March 30, 2020

STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Ken Kincade



City Council 2020



- Approved a grant for 13 house projects for Habitat for Humanity
- □ Took the Senior Center back over, improved their facilities and way of life. Increased attendance and activities for the seniors. 100% Improvement.
- Increased wages for all individuals and increased starting pay in some positions by a max of 10%.

- City of Cabot becomes Purple Heart City.
- Established an arts and entertainment district.
- More house sells in 2019 versus 2018.
- Central elementary sidewalks were completed.
- Made the partnership swap with ARDOT to begin work on HWY 321 to 5 lanes.
- Our partnership included Cabot taking over Main Street and 1 mile of Second Street.

- Appointed 2 individuals to the Housing Commission
- Appointed 3 individuals to the Parks and Rec Commission
- Appointed 2 individuals to the Cabot Planning Commission
- Appointed 1 individual to the A & P Commission
- Honored 3 Girls Scouts for Gold Award Status
- Honored 1 Eagle Scout

- Created an ordinance to allow small cell internet systems within the city.
- Approved the 2019 budget in 2019.
- Balanced budget was passed in 2019 for 2020.

Yearly Totals	2019	2018	2014
Homes Sold	695	621	437
Average Sales Price	\$184,431	181,850	170,421
Lowest Sales Price	\$18,000	26,200	15,000
Highest Price	\$639,000	595,000	635,000
Homes Sold <\$100K	55	60	43
Homes Sold \$100-200K	425	374	283
Homes Sold \$200-300K	166	144	85
Homes Sold \$300-400K	50	25	20
Homes Sold >\$400K	8	16	3
Information provided by	Marty Davis		
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Group	501.590.6018		

Franchise Fees

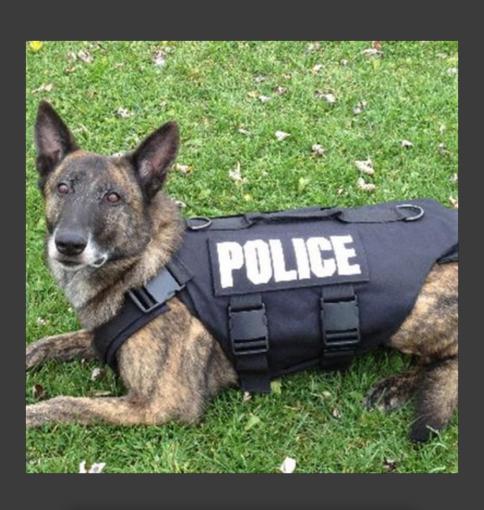
- We re-did our franchise fee arrangements in 2019
- Working on more changes for 2020

Cabot Police Department

Personnel of 45

- □ 1 Chief
- 3 Captains
- 6 Lieutenants
- 8 Sergeants
- Other staff include patrolmen, CID, dispatchers and our K-9 unit.
- First K-9 purchased and had trained in years for Police Department

Cabot Police Department







Cabot Police Department



The department uses this vehicle for SWAT exercise



Cabot's New Fire Station 1000 South 2nd Street





Cabot Fire Department

Personnel of Fire Department

- □ 1 Chief
- 3 Battalion Chiefs
- □ 12 Captains
- 12 Engineers
- □ 12 Firefighters
- 5 Part-time Firefighters

Cabot Rescue





CABOT LIBRARY



Cabot Public Library 2018 Statistics

2019 Overview - Cabot Public Library



275,319

Items were checked out



31,265

Active library cards in CPL service area



17,003

Computer Sessions



690,985

Online visits to Cabot Public Library



111,144

People visited Cabot Public Library

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2019 Programs Offered



- #cabotreads: our partnership with the Cabot Public Schools for the summer reading program increased registration by 44% and prizes for completions by 322%. 2020 summer reading kick-off is Thursday May 28 at Cabot Junior High North.
- Master Gardeners: this partnership begins our Food to Table program series with a "Planting Pizzas" program in April. Master Gardner's are working to revitalize the remaining flower beds, and the amphitheater.
- 2019 Programs: In 2019, 22,931 people attended 1,591 programs. These programs ranged from book clubs for all ages, story time for children, Books & Bluegrass music, STEAM programs, and Tech Tutoring sessions, among many others.
- Tech Tutoring: We piloted a program in 2019 for Tech Tutoring Sessions. This program is to help adults gain digital literacy. In the 2019 pilot year, we assisted 71 people through their technology questions.
- Voting Center: We have been a voting center since 2018, and have had an overwhelmingly positive response from Lonoke County residents. With this being an election year, Cabot Library looks forward to continuing this service for the Cabot residents in this manner.

Cabot Animal Shelter



Park and Rec

- AstroTurf 6 fields in Cabot ball parks to increase economic development
- Obtained an outdoor recreation grant for trails.





2019 Highlights

- Hired a new Fire Chief
- Obtained new Fire vehicle and equipment
- Hired a new City Attorney
- Financials Cash was increased \$200,000 in 2019
- Opened up New Bypass Highway 38

SKIM/LEVEL PROJECT - NO EXCAVATION REQUIRED

- East Locust Street for North Adams Street to North Jackson Street
- North Tenth Street
- Pine Terrace
- Highland Boulevard
- Kerr Station at Middle School
- Earnhardt Circle at Kerr Station
- Panther Trail
- Bellamy Street at Lillie Street
- West Locust
- 613 North Grant Street
- 610 North Grant Street
- 600 North Grant Street
- South Polk Street
- Back Forty
- West Oak Drive
- Honeysuckle
- Oak Brook Drive
- 65 & 68 Oak Meadows Drive
- Glenwood Enterance
- Honeysuckle @ East Main (build up corner for bus traffic)

PROJECT INVOLVED EXCAVATION AND REPLACEMENT OF BAD ROAD MATERIAL

- Summerset Drive
- Waymack Drive
- Hummingbird Lane
- Magnolia Drive @ Campground Road
- 21 Violet Lane
- Chelsea Lane @ North Lincoln Drive
- South Adams
- Algonquin Entrance
- Gum Street
- Harvest Lane
- Willow Cove Radius
- Willow Drive (also include curb replacement)
- 22 Gettysburg North (also include curb replacement)
- 27 Gettysburg North (also include curb replacement)
- Cumberland Drive @ Shenandoah Way (also include curb replacement)
- Cumberland Cove @ Cumberland Drive (also include curb replacement)

- 115 Brungardt Drive
- Magnolia Drive
- South Jackson & West Main Radius
- Third Street @ West Myrtle Street
- Bluebird Lane
- Walnut Street
- 10 Gettysburg North
- Kirkland Drive (four locations)
- Windwood Drive
- Pond Street @ Ivanhoe
- Gail Court (two locations)
- Cumberland Drive
- Glen Eagle Drive
- Cleveland Street
- Glendale Drive

Replaced Speed Bumps

- Oak Crest
- Greystone Boulevard

Economic Development

- ☐ New Hospital (opened)
- ☐ Starbucks (opened)
- ☐ Southern Bank (new location opening soon)
- ☐ Dental Practice (new location opening soon)
- ☐ Tropical Smoothie Café (new location opening soon)
- ☐ Choice restaurants (announcements coming soon)

City Financial Statement

CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS

Financial Statement - Prescribed by A.C.A. Sec. 14-59-116 January 1, 2019 - Docember 31, 2019

GENERAL FUND.

Balance January 1, 2019	\$ 1,640,224
Revenues Received	
City Sales Tax	5 4,995,142
County Sales Tax	2,551,714
County Property Taxes	364,638
State Ald	7 54,44 8
Court Fines & Fees	226,299
Grants	7,821
Other Revenues	1,099,146
Loan Proceeds (Roof Repair)	250,000
Sanitation Fees	1,806,174
Transfers In-Franchisc Fees	833,045
Total Revenues Received	§ 12,890,427
Total General Funds Available	\$ 13,930,651
Expenditures	
General Government	\$ 1.668,864
Fire Department	3,266,769
Municipal Services	457,231
District Court	239,487
Police Department	4.079,687
Animal Control	515,709
Senitation	1,810,692
Transfers Out-Other Funds	96,875
Transfers Out-Parks & Rec	379,741
Total Expenditures	\$ 12,415, 25 5
Balance December 31, 2019	\$ 1,515,396

STREET FUND

Balance January 1, 2019	5	825,585
Revenues Received		
State Turnback	S	1,131,908
County Property Tax		346,662
Grants		572,023
Other Revenues		57,292
Total Revenues Received	5	2,108,685
Total Street Funds Available		2,634,270
Total Expanditures	_	2,244.464
Balance Decembe: 31, 2019	\$	389,606

CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS Schedule of Bond Indebtedness - Excluding Water & Wastewater As of December 31, 2019

Description of Bonds	Principal	Date of Last Payment
2013 Sales Tax Refunding & Improve Bds	\$ 25,520,000	12/01/43
2016 Sales Tax Improvement Bonds	8,460,000	12/01/43
2018 Franchise Fee Revenue bonds	2,585,000	02/01/43
Total Indebtedness	\$ 34,565,000	

All financial records of the City of Cabot, Arkansas are public records and are open for public inspection Monday through Friday at Cabot Willie Ray Community Service Center (City Hall), 101 N. Second Street, Cabot, Arkansas during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If the record is in active use or in storage and, therefore, not available at the time a clitzen askes to examine it, the custodian shall certify this fact in writing to the applicant and set a date and hour within three (3) days at which time the record will be available for inspection and copying.

Tammy Yocam City Clerk/Treasurer

CABOT NEW BYPASS



2020 Census

- □ Kicks off April 1, 2020 Census Day
- □ Concludes December 31, 2020
- Hoping to hit 30,000 population or more.
- Very Important for our City. We will need the library, churches, community groups and citizens to all work together.
- □ Four ways to complete census: Online, paper, phone or visit from census taker.

CABOT CENSUS

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 1 for 2019

A resolution to reappoint Clinton D McGue to the Cabot Housing Authority; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 2 for 2019

A resolution to adopt the annual operating budget for calendar year 2019; and other purposes.

Resolution No. 3 for 2019

A resolution authorizing the mayor to apply to the State of Arkansas through the Arkansas Community and Development Program for a Community Development Activities Grant for the City of Cabot; and other purposes.

Resolution No. 5 for 2019

A resolution approving the destruction of certain outdated documents of the Cabot Police Department; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 6 for 2019

A resolution to accept the bid by HJ Lawn & Landscaping; to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to execute any documents necessary to do business with HJ Lawn & Landscaping; and for other purposes

Resolution No. 7 for 2019

A resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to sell a 0.13-acre tract of land to the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department (AHTD); authorize the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to enter into a contract and for said transaction; and for other purposes.

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 8 for 2019

A resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to provide funding to the Cabot Senior Citizens Center for necessary improvements to the Senior Citizens Center Building; and to amend the 2019 General Fund Operating Budget and the 2019 Senior Citizens Center, Health Department and Library Fund in the amount of \$16,375.00 for the improvements; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 9 for 2019

A resolution to declare the intention of the City of Cabot to become a "no kill" community; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 10 for 2019

A resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to provide funding to the Cabot Public Library for necessary improvements to the Cabot Public Library grounds; and to amend the 2019 General Fund Operating Budget and the 2019 Senior Citizens Center, Health Department, and Library fund in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for improvements; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 11 for 2019

A resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to sell a 0.10-acre tract of land to the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department (ARDOT); authorize the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to enter into a contract for said transaction; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 12 for 2019

A resolution amending the 2018 Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018; appropriating the various amounts herein; and for other purposes.

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 14 for 2019

A resolution to accept the bid submitted by Hugg & Hall Equipment for a mini excavator; authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to enter into a contract to purchase a mini excavator from the successful bidder; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 15 for 2019

A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Cabot to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funds; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 16 for 2019

A resolution to accept the bid submitted by Barger Excavating, Inc. to Construct sidewalks at Central Elementary; authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to enter into a contract with the successful bidder; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 18 for 2019

A resolution expressing support for application to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism for its Outdoor Recreation Grant Program; authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to execute any necessary documents and to expend funds, if necessary; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 19 for 2019

A resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to provide funding to the Cabot Senior Citizen/Health/Library fund for necessary improvements to the Cabot Senior Center; and to Amend the 2019 General Fund Operating Budget and the 2019 Senior Citizen/Health/Library Fund in the amount of Forty-Five Thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) for improvements; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 20 for 2019

A resolution to authorize the City Clerk – Treasurer to establish a change drawer for the Peak Center; and for other purposes.

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 22 for 2019

A resolution to appoint Tricia Ambeau to the Cabot Parks and Recreation Commission; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 23 for 2019

A resolution appointing Adam Nobles to the Cabot Parks and Recreation Commission; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 24 for 2019

A resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to execute any documents necessary to enter into a contract with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for the purpose of engineering design for the City of Cabot traffic; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 26 for 2019

A resolution appointing John Rudd to Position 44 of the Cabot Parks and Recreation Commission; and for other purposes.

Resolution No. 27 for 2019

A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Cabot to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funds for Central Elementary Sidewalk Project – Phase II; and for other purposes.

Resolution No 30 for 2019

A resolution by the City of Cabot, Arkansas supporting the house joint resolution 1018 for 2019 (HJR 1018 for 2019), proposing an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to continue to levy of a one-half percent sale and use tax for state highways and bridges; county roads, bridges, and other surface transportation; and city streets, bridges and other surface transportation after the retirement of the bonds authorized in the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, as special revenue to be distributed under the Arkansas Highway Revenue Distribution Law; and for other purposes.

Resolutions:

Resolution No 31 for 2019

A resolution to accept the bid submitted by Reliable Fire Products for the purchase of a 2020 Ford F550 Quick Response Vehicle; and for other purposes.

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 6 for 2019

An ordinance creating and certifying tax liens against real properties at various locations within the City of Cabot for funds expended to pay for services rendered due to code violations; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 7 for 2019

An ordinance to abandon Suda Street; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 8 for 2019

An ordinance establishing a video service providing fee; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 10 for 2019

An ordinance expressing the willingness of the City of Cabot to partner with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT); accepting the portion of Highway 367 between Palisade Drive and the portion of Highway 89 between Hwy 367 North and Highway 67 into the street system for the City of Cabot, Lonoke County, Arkansas from the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 15 for 2019

An ordinance to appoint Mitchell Ward to the Cabot Planning Commission; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 16 for 2019

An ordinance to permit, council members, officials, and/or Municipal Employees to do business with the City of Cabot; specifically, Louis Cimino; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 20 for 2019

An ordinance to establish an arts and entertainment district for the City of Cabot, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 26 for 2019

An ordinance to waive the competitive bidding requirements and allow the City of Cabot, Arkansas to purchase from Choice Supply, Inc.; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 27 for 2019

An ordinance to rezone a tract of land located in part of the W ½ of the NE ¼, Section 14, T-4-N, R-10-W, Cabot, Lonoke County, Arkansas. More commonly known as 121 & 177 Arena Road; From C-2 and C-3; Amending the land use plan; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 28 for 2019

An ordinance to rezone the property located at Lot4, Nalley Addition, Cabot, Lonoke County, Arkansas; from I-1 to C-3; amending the land use plan; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 29 for 2019

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of a promissory note to providing financing for Astroturf for the Cabot Parks and Recreation Fields; authorizing the sale of the note and the execution of a note purchase agreement; declaring an emergency; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto.

2019 Resolutions & Ordinances

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 30 for 2019

An ordinance to accept the donation of real property located at tract A, Westhaven Subdivision Phase III, Cabot, Lonoke County, Arkansas; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 32 for 2019

An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 3 for 2019; amending standards for small wireless facilities within the City of Cabot, Lonoke County, Arkansas; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 33 for 2019

An ordinance to establish standards and specifications to administer and regulate the right-ofway in the public interest, and to provide for the issuance and regulations of right-of-way permits.

Ordinance No. 34 for 2019

An ordinance to set millage tax to be collected in 2020 for the City of Cabot; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 35 for 2019

An ordinance approving a waiver for sidewalks for Kindred Acres Subdivision; and for other purposes.

2019 Resolutions & Ordinances

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 36 for 2019

An ordinance approving the application of J's Liquor for a private party club, pursuant to Act 1112 of 2017, to be located at 12406 Hwy. 5, in the City of Cabot, Lonoke County, Arkansas: declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 38 for 2019

An ordinance creating and certifying tax liens against real properties at various locations within the City of Cabot for funds expended to pay for services rendered due to code violations; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 41 for 2019

An ordinance to rezone a section of Cabot Exchange Lot 2, Cabot, Lonoke County, Arkansas. More commonly known as 212 Willie Ray; from C-2 to C-3; Amending the land use plan; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 42 for 2019

An ordinance to rezone 211 South Jackson from R-1 to R-2S; amending the land use plan; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 43 for 2019

An ordinance to appoint Dr. Matt Moudy to the Cabot Panning Commission; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 44 for 2019

An ordinance to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk ~ Treasurer to enter into a contract with Leg Enterprises, Inc.; to waive the requirements of bidding; and to amend the 2019 Street Fund Budget; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

2019 Resolutions & Ordinances

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 53 for 2019

An ordinance of the City of Cabot, Arkansas amending Ordinance No. 1 for 1963 to change then annual payment received from telephone company for use of Public Rights of Way; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 54 for 2019

An ordinance to waive competitive bidding requirements and allow the City of Cabot, Arkansas to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 55 for 2019

An ordinance to establish standards and specifications to administer and regulate the right-of-way in the public interest, and to provide for the issuance and regulation of right-of-way permits; to repeal ordinance No. 33 for 2019; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 56 for 2019

An ordinance creating and certifying tax liens against real properties at various locations within the City of Cabot for funds expended to pay for services rendered due to code violations; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 57 for 2019

An ordinance to rezone 68 S Pine Street, Cabot, Lonoke County, Arkansas from R-1 to O-1; amending the land use plan; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

2019 Proclamations

Proclamations:

- Congratulating Carla Crowder on Retirement from 38 Years of Coaching – February 22, 2019 as Carla Crowder Day
- In support of the City of Searcy, Arkansas' involvement in the Small Business Revolution competition – April 15 – 21, 2019 to be "Do Well by Doing Good Week" and April 15, 2019 as "Searcy Day"
- National Historic Preservation Month 2019 May 2019 National Preservation Month
- Honoring Wyatt Kernodle Eagle Scout Recipient
- Little Rock Air Force Base Abilene Trophy Recipients 2019 May 6,
 2019 as Little Rock Air Force Community Center Day
- June 14, 2019, as Flag Day, and the week of June 9th 15^{th,} 2019, as National Flag Week
- Honoring Giovana Stanford Girl Scout Gold Recipient
- Honoring Adrianna Perlsen Girl Scout Gold Recipient
- Honoring Maddie Johnson Girl Scout Gold Recipient
- September 2019 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Cabot, Arkansas
- November 1, 2019 to be Extra Mile Day
- November 30, 2019 as Small Business Saturday

January

New era kicks off for Cabot – Mayor Kincade looks back on his first week in office as he leads his first agenda meeting; former Mayor Bill Cypert honored.

Growth in Cabot led by a new hospital – A micro-medical center, new fire station, Starbucks and Tractor Supply are coming to town.

February

Cabot focuses on '20 census aiming to get correct count – City officials believe as many as 600 addresses were missed.

Woman charged with \$500,000 in theft – Owner complains to police in Cabot after discovering missing money over at least three years.

Cabot site chosen by Habitats for Humanity – Group will build 13 new homes on Cut Hill Road off Hwy 367 with a \$3 million state grant.

March

Council pushes growth – Cabot is looking at relaxing building requirements to encourage more construction during building lump.

Renewal in Cabot pushes – Mayor Ken Kincade tells council he wants to reimagine downtown with restaurants, condos and more.

The \$79.2 million Hwy 67/167 project done – Six lanes between Cabot and Vandenberg Boulevard.

April

Cabot shines in the latest report card – District does best in the area and educates students for \$1,000 less.

Cabot teacher honored by Justice Department – Laura Abbott, a victim of domestic violence, helps those who are abused.

Cabot ends 12 – year ban on pit bulls – City council lets residents own a pair of the much-maligned dogs for a \$150 registration fee.

Highway in Cabot planning for more vehicles – Area residents review completed design for improvements at Hwy. 67/167 exits 16 and 19.

Dogtown asked to lift ban on dangerous dogs – Group pushes to repeal of ban on pit bulls, encouraged by Cabot's decision to end them.

May

Arts district approved in Cabot – Downtown is chosen to host entertainment and culture to promote city.

Microbrewery on tap for area – Beer garden planned for Hwy 67/167 between Jacksonville and Cabot.

Center hosts dance – Cabot senior offers monthly community dances organized by local disc jockey.

Free Cabot library box – High school students use an old Leader news rack to place books for readers to borrow.

June

A 144-unit apartment project advances – Cabot paves way for large development at 706 S Pine St., preserving 300-year oak tree.

Cabot wants to be arts destination – New group pushes economic development with emphasis on aesthetics for community growth.

Few put bull owners sign up in Cabot – City allows the once-banned dogs to return if owners buy insurance and pay annual fee.

Land dispute in court – Nineteen people or entities owning property along Hwy. 321 in Cabot told to appear in court to accept buyout.

Cabot puts 5 percent liquor tax on private club sales – At same meeting, the council considered the first sewer rate increase in 18 years to reach new customers and improve infrastructure.

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July

School districts offer more free breakfasts – Educators want students to eat nutritious meals in the morning so they can excel.

Senior center will go it alone – Cabot cuts ties with Lonoke Council on Aging after more than 25 years.

Cabot Girl Scouts earn gold – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas members from Troop 6242 are given highest honors.

Most pupils fail annual state reading tests – Cabot and LISA Academy in Sherwood post strong numbers on English exam, others had disappointing scores.

Gardeners beautify Cabot – Lonoke County landscapers make public places come alive with colorful plants and flowers.

The Leader named best weekly – Newspaper receives 11 first place awarded, plus 21 others, tops in state.

August

Mental health topic of forum – Cabot School District sponsored talk at Veterans Park in Cabot.

Road work contracted for \$45.3 million starts soon – Widening Hwy. 321 in Cabot to five lanes will cost \$24 million.

Fire Chief in Cabot, his deputy both leave – Longtime head of fire department and his assistant chief resign after meeting with mayor.

Cabot seniors: New place to go – With their dining place closed for 30 days, elderly to be fed at Church of Christ and Friend's House Ministry.

September

Hwy 321 work to stat in Cabot – State's busiest highway to be widened to four lanes with a turn lane in the middle.

Hooper named Cabot city attorney – Council names former opponent of outgoing city attorney, who has retired.

Cabot council raises millage – A 2 mill property tax increase will go to senior center, fire and police departments.

October

Organ-donor kiosk at Cabot's library – Saving lives has never been easier thanks to new registration display installed by state group.

Cabot Emergency Hospital opens – Micro-medical center sees 20 patients on first day, with one person staying overnight.

Grades tell a tale of two districts – Good year for Cabot, which gained one more A and B school, but Jacksonville falters.

New Cabot city attorney sworn in – Ben Hooper takes over for retiring J im Taylor, but will have to run in 2020.

November

From firehouse to arts hub – Five-year plan calls for Cabot's downtown fire station to be renovated into a restaurant and culture center.

Police sergeant named top cop – Attorney General recognizes Cabot Sgt. Calvin Thomas as Lonoke County officer of the year.

Schools get state "reward" money – Cabot campuses will receive \$368,700, Flightline gets \$13,300 and \$51,300 for LISA Academy.

December

Cabot AARP disbands – The retirement group's local chapter is calling it quits after almost 40 years.

Cabot mayor proposes budget – Ken Kincade submits \$12.9 million spending plan, up slightly from this year, but council wants time to review it.

COMING UP

- Bond Projects
- Construction on Overpasses

Changes to Hwy System

